

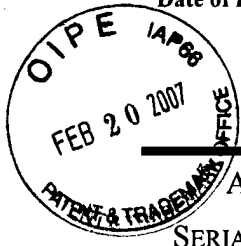
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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action dated November 20, 2006 (13 pages);
2. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (212) 935-3000, New York, New York, Customer Number: **35437**.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. **50-0311**; Reference Number: **21465-508 UTIL**. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

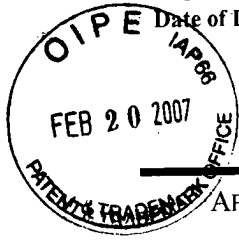
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on November 20, 2006 in relation to the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with the filing of this Response, as this Response is filed on or before the due date of February 20, 2007. However, if any additional fees are required or if any funds are due, the USPTO is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account Number: **50-0311**, Customer Number: **35437**, Reference Number: **21465-508 UTIL**.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.